

# **Economic Commission for Europe**

## **Committee on Environmental Policy**

Bureau meeting

Lisbon, 26–27(p.m.) May 2014

15 May 2014

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the meeting\***

**To be held in the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy of Portugal, Lisbon, on 26 and 27(p.m.) May 2014, starting at 9 a.m. \*\***

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Provisional agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> session of CEP.
3. Multilateral environmental agreements: overview of national implementation reporting; opening up and promotion beyond the region.
4. Environment and Health process.
5. Lessons learned from the Environment for Europe mid-term review of the Astana Conference main outcomes.
6. The Eight Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.
7. Terms of reference and rules of procedures of CEP.
8. Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme.
9. Calendar of meetings.
10. Other business.

#### **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

##### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*(9–9.10 a.m.)*

1. Members of the Bureau will be invited to adopt the agenda of their meeting as set out in the present document.

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## **2. Provisional agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> session of CEP**

*(9.10–10 a.m.)*

2. Members of the Bureau will be invited to consider for approval the proposed annotated provisional agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> session of CEP (ECE/CEP/2014/1), as well as the provisional organization of work of CEP-20 (information paper No.1), prepared by the secretariat in consultation with one of the CEP Vice-Chair.

3. Given the agenda item on the identification of themes for the next ministerial conference, which might require extensive deliberations/negotiations, the CEP Bureau will be invited to consider the time allocation for each agenda item and sub-item with a view to provide guidance to the secretariat in finalising the timetable.

## **3. Multilateral environmental agreements: overview of national implementation reporting; opening up and promotion beyond the region**

*(10–10.30 a.m.)*

4. Members of the Bureau will be invited to consider for approval the proposed focus for the agenda item on the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), i.e. on the national implementation reporting; and on the opening up and promotion beyond the region.

5. Following the request by the CEP-19, the secretariats of MEAs prepared a first draft of the document on the opening up and promotion beyond the region of the ECE MEAs and other environmental policy instruments (ECE/CEP/2014/6). The Bureau will be invited to consider the draft of this document and provide guidance to the secretariat in finalising it for submission to the CEP-20.

6. Depending on the outcomes of the discussion under paragraph 4 of the present document, the Bureau will be invited to consider the usefulness of preparing an overview of submission by Parties of their national implementation reports since the first mandatory reporting, as appropriate, under each MEA. Such a document would aim to support the presentations by the MEAs Chairs at the CEP-20, and subsequent discussion by CEP on enhancing the timely national reporting under the MEAs.

## **4. Environment and Health process**

*(10.30–11 a.m.)*

7. CEP-19 decided to hold a panel discussion on Environment and Health process at CEP-20 with the participation of the Chairs of the European Environment and Health Ministerial Board (EHMB) and of the Environment and Health Task Force.

8. Members of the Bureau will be invited to consider the organization of such a panel discussion, and in particular identify potential issues to be addressed during the discussion.

**5. Lessons learned from the Environment for Europe mid-term review of the Astana Conference main outcomes**

*(11–11.30 a.m.)*

9. Members of the Bureau will be invited to deliberate on the most efficient ways to identify and prepare for CEP-20 lessons learned from the EfE mid-term review of the Astana main outcomes.

**6. The Eight Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference**

*(11.30 a.m.–12.30)*

10. The item 10 on the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the CEP-20 provisional agenda includes a number of substantive and organizational sub-items. Members of the Bureau will be invited to consider these sub-items one by one.

11. Regarding the Astana Water Action (AWA), the Bureau will be invited to consider the timing for the second reporting, i.e. 2015 or 2016 with a view to recommend it to CEP.

12. Concerning greening the economy, the Bureau will be invited to consider the first draft of the updated report on greening the economy in the ECE region prepared jointly by ECE and UNEP with support by a consultant provided by UNEP (ECE/CEP/2014/5).

13. Concerning establishing a regular process of environmental assessment and development of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) across the ECE region, the Bureau will be briefed about the outcomes of the first meeting of the Friends of SEIS (Geneva, 12 May 2014). Furthermore, the Bureau will be invited to consider the draft of the document on targets and performance indicators (ECE/CEP/2014/8), as well as comments, which would be sent by Friends of SEIS to the secretariat by Friday, 23 May 2014, with a view to provide guidance to the secretariat in finalising the document for submission to CEP-20.

14. In relation to the host country preparations, the representative of Georgia will be invited to inform the Bureau on developments to host the Conference in 2016, including on the venue and the date proposed for the Conference. The Bureau will be invited to consider, as appropriate, the information provided.

15. Regarding the selection of themes for the Conference, the Bureau will be invited to consider the draft annotated outline of a revised framework for the Conference prepared by the secretariat, taken into account comments made by CEP-19 (ECE/CEP/2014/9), with a view to guide the secretariat in finalising this document for the CEP-20.

16. Concerning organizational issues for the Conference, the Bureau will be invited to consider the need to prepare already for CEP-20 a draft of the document stipulating the organizational issues for the Conference. In its deliberations, the Bureau might use as a reference the similar document prepared for the Astana Ministerial Conference (ECE/CEP/2010/2<sup>1</sup>).

17. Concerning resource requirements for the Conference the Bureau will be invited to consider efficient modalities to fundraise for the necessary resources to enable a smooth preparation for the Conference, including one extrabudgetary staff member to support the work of the secretariat's regular budget staff during one year prior to the Conference.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2010/ece/cep/ece.cep.2010.2.e.pdf>

18. The Bureau will be invited to consider any other outstanding matter related to the preparation of the Conference.

*Lunch break (12.30–2 p.m.)*

**6. The Eight Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (*cont'd*)**

*(2–3.30 p.m.)*

**7. Terms of reference and rules of procedures of CEP**

*(3.30–4.30 p.m.)*

19. CEP-19 requested the CEP Bureau with support of the secretariat to continue working on the rules of procedures, with a view to providing recommendations to CEP-20. The CEP Bureau will be invited to consider the revised draft rules of procedures (ECE/CEP/2014/L.1) with a view to finalise it for submission to CEP.

20. In addition, the Bureau will be invited to consider the need to update the terms of reference of CEP adopted in 2007, with a view to recommend it to CEP. To facilitate the Bureau's discussion, the secretariat prepared a first draft of the updated terms of reference (ECE/CEP/2014/L.2).

**8. Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme**

*(4.30–5 p.m.)*

21. Members of the Bureau will be invited to consider the updated criteria for financial support based on a draft note prepared by the secretariat (information paper No. 2).

**9. Calendar of meetings**

*(5–5.15 p.m.)*

19. Members of the Bureau will be invited to consider the proposed schedule of its next meetings, i.e. on 27 (p.m.) October 2014 and on 26 May 2015. Concerning the CEP meetings until 2016, the secretariat prepared an updated schedule of meetings (information paper No.3) based on the information paper approved by the CEP-19.

**10. Other business**

*(5.15–5.30 p.m.)*

20. The Bureau may wish to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention.

*[N.B. Depending on the progress of work, the meeting will continue on 27 May 2014 in the afternoon, after the joint meeting of the EHMB Alternates and the CEP Bureau]*

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